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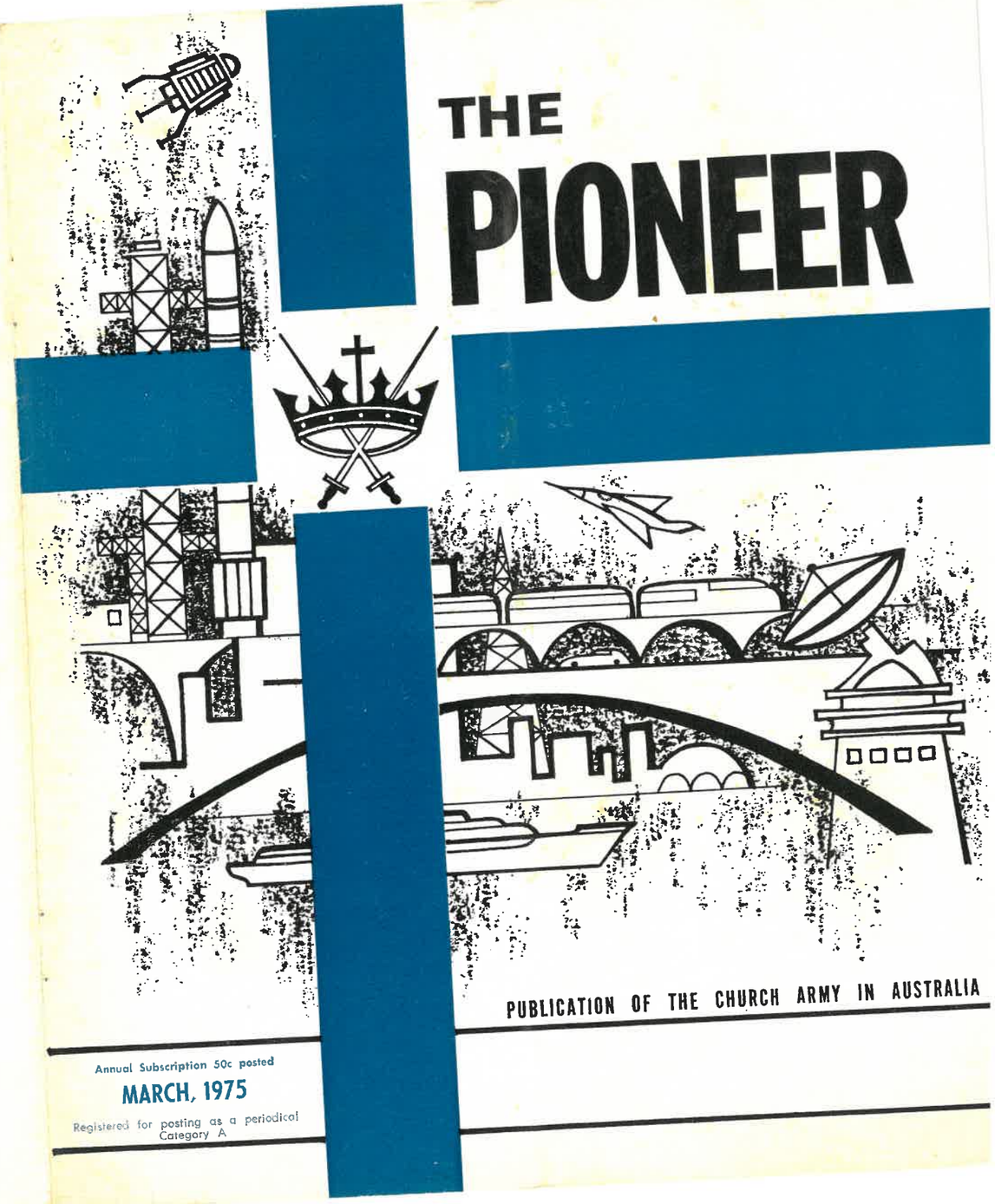

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PRAYING ABOUT EVANGELISM

GIVE THANKS: for the generosity of so many people who gave to the Christmas Appeal.

for those who have responded to God's call to serve Him as evangelists.

for the many parishes and organisations who give to the work of the Church Army.

NEW APPOINTMENTS: Pray for Sister Lorraine Dorrington, and Captain and Mrs. Kevin Cullen, and Anthony, in their first appointments as Church Army Evangelists.

Pray for Officers and their families who have recently gone to new positions (mentioned in News and Notes on page 8).

SPECIAL EFFORTS: Pray for all people, throughout Australia, who will be involved in special efforts of evangelism during 1975.

Pray for individual Christian people, that each may be alert to God's leading, and may be used by Him according to their gifts, to reach out to their fellows with the message of Good News.

MISSIONS: Pray for evangelistic missions to take place in the following parishes during 1975:—

Toukley, N.S.W.—April 19th - May 4th.

South Hurstville, N.S.W.—May 25th - June 1st.

PRAYERS: Bless, O Lord, we beseech You, the work of the Church Army to the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of the faithful. Endue its workers with the power of Your Holy Spirit that they may witness faithfully, courageously and consistently to the principles of Your Gospel, and the faith of Your Church, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O Christ, who sought the reconciliation of estranged mankind,
not by a word of power,
but in the suffering and shame of the cross,
grant to me, and to all who seek to be ministers of your reconciliation the courage that will share your cross,
compassion that will bind up the broken-hearted,
the perseverance that will set the prisoner free.
By your love deliver me, I pray,
from words lightly spoken,
from a false appearance of concern,
and from the cowardice which promises a peace where there is none.
Take from me all restless striving for success,
and make me abide only in that will which is our peace both now and in eternity. Amen.

You are invited to a

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in the Sydney University Union Theatre

on Friday, 11th April, 1975, at 8.00 p.m.

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Evangelism — Called to fight

"In recent years, with our burning embarrassment about Australia's involvement in the unwinnable war in Vietnam, we have become exceedingly sensitive to martial images of any kind and this is just as well. It seems that for the first time in the history of man, a general conscience about the uselessness of war is evolving. Thanks be to God for it.

"There are many different ways of fighting and it would be a sad day if we were to completely lose the sense that we too fight in a constant battle against the principalities and powers of this world in the name of Christ and with him. It is time we saw the power and usefulness of the great imagery of St. Paul when he tells us to put on the whole armour of God. The Church needs a fighting spirit. It needs a discipline, a persistence, and a capacity to face challenges if it is to be in any way effective in this world."

(The Dean of Brisbane — special Church Army Service in September, 1974)

How sad it is that many people do want to throw out the proverbial baby with the bath water, by being against military images and action of any kind.

Surely, the responsibility, as Christians, of being spreaders of the Good News, calls us to a fight. The opposition, "the principalities, the powers, the world rulers of this present darkness . . ." threaten far more seriously than any physical battle ever did in the whole history of man. And they will have more permanent results in the lives of men and women, who are living outside a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

This fight is not a physical one (John 18:36), it is not destructive, but creative, it does not involve stooping to sub-human levels of behaviour and treatment, as men's wars do.

It is a fight surrounded by love, a fight which wants only the best for the other person.

It is vital, especially in this day and age, that many take seriously the call to "offer for service", to "take the whole armour of God" and be a part of the "good fight" (1 Timothy 6:12).

" . . . be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him." (2 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Need a Speaker?

for your youth fellowship, Sunday School, women's group or other parish organisation. — CONTACT the Church Army Federal Office.

Although no officers may be working in your area, some-one may be visiting the district during 1975. Sydneysiders may telephone the Office 451 8395.

NEWS and NOTES...

COMMISSIONING: At a well-attended special Service at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November, Kevin Cullen and Lorraine Dorrington were admitted to the office of Evangelist by the Primate, and then Commissioned by the Federal Secretary as Church Army Officers. The Primate also preached at the Service. After the Service a gathering was held in the Chapter House. Captain Rex Harris brought his Green Valley Children's Choir, who sang an anthem during the Service and a number of items in the Chapter House.

On the 1st January Captain Cullen commenced his first appointment as Parish Evangelist at Forbes in the Bathurst Diocese. Sister Dorrington began her appointment in February as Parish Evangelist at Mount Gambier in the Diocese of The Murray.

NEW POSITIONS: As usual, the New Year has brought with it new areas of work for some officers. During January and February, Sister Josie Leslie commenced work at Waratah, in the Diocese of Newcastle; Captain Bob Eland, Shellharbour, N.S.W.; Captain Jeff Joy, Kingsford, N.S.W.; Captain Ron Wallis, North Rockhampton, Qld.; and Captain Ken Donaldson, Scarborough, W.A.

ANOTHER CHURCH ARMY SISTER:

We are always delighted to add to the number of officers in our ranks, and usually this only happens when students are commissioned at the end of the 2 year Training College Course. However, we recently welcomed a young English Church Army Sister to the Church Army in Australia. She is Sister Josie Midwinter. Josie is here to visit members of her family, and, during her stay, will be working with the Australian Society. In January she began work in the Parish of Penrith, about 35 miles (60 kilometres?) west of Sydney.

TRAINING COLLEGE 1975: During the first week in February, we were very happy to welcome to the College Flo Herman (Aust.) and Roy Argent (New Zealand), to do the second year of their course, and the following students who have begun their first year:—

Lynn Bullard, from Corrimal, N.S.W.;
Trevor Brooks from Shellharbour, N.S.W.;
John Harding, from Narrabundah, A.C.T.;
Christopher Thiele, from Mitcham, Vic.;
Will Just, from New Zealand.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: We are extremely grateful to all who responded to our 1974 Christmas Appeal. The total was $2,184. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who asked that we not send them receipts, and the dozens more who sent donations in anonymously.

ANONYMOUS DONATIONS: We are a little concerned that, without realising it, we may be doing some of our supporters an injustice. Because of the need to watch our spending, names and addresses are removed from our mailing list, when people have not contributed for a few years. It could happen that anonymous donors are removed from the list, where it does not appear that they have given. If this is you, please drop a line occasionally, to let us know. Without revealing how often and how much, you can still remain comparatively anonymous.

WANTED: Any quantity of used stamps. They should be on paper (at least ¼" border around the stamp.) Sales of stamps during December and January resulted in $55 being added to Church Army Funds.

MORE SUPPORT: We have a target of 1,000 new Box Holders during 1975. Is there anything you could do to interest others in supporting our work in this way? Boxes are available from the Federal Office.

R.D. To be able to see Christ and know that He is willing to accept them as they are.

J.A.D. Would you say that you've arrived at new ideas over the past two years, or did College training develop ones you already had?

R.D. I would tend to think College has developed ideas I have already had, as well as opening up new possibilities and ideas.

J.A.D. The work to which God has called you won't allow you to live very affluently, or to have much time to yourself. Would you recommend it to other young people, who feel God's call to be evangelists?

R.D. God provides our every need. To fulfil His purpose we must be willing to sacrifice all. To do less reveals a lack of surrender. God called me into His service through St. Luke 9: 23, "And Jesus said, 'If any man would come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it.' "

Affluence and self-gain are secondary. The fulfilment of God's purposes must be foremost and done for His glory. It is the dying to one's self in order to live for others. It is the great giving-up of one's self — "Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die . . . ".

The Christian life is costly to the self, but it is rich in its fulfilment, and so is full-time service. Yes, I do recommend it to anyone who feels called of God to serve Him. There is never a dull moment and it is a life in which we can find praise to God, as His Spirit works that His Name may be glorified.

What about you? Could God be calling you to this experience too?

READING ABOUT EVANGELISM

Available from the Church Army Bookshops

A WORLD TO WIN by Leslie Lyall

Christianity and Communism share the vision of world conquest. The race is on. We live in a revolutionary world and time is running out. This is the moment for the total mobilisation of all Christian believers to fulfil our Lord's last command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

EVANGELISM AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD by J. I. Packer

If God is in control of everything, does that mean the Christian can sit back, and not bother to evangelise? Or does active evangelism imply that God is not sovereign at all? In a careful study of the biblical evidence, Dr. Packer shows how a right understanding of God's sovereignty is not a barrier to evangelism, but an incentive and powerful support for it.

JESUS CHRIST FOR TODAY by William Barclay

Studies on the life of Jesus as recorded in Luke's Gospel. — What is the true message of our Lord? What methods did Jesus use to make his teachings effective? With the sure pen of the established New Testament scholar, Doctor Barclay expounds the truly Christian evangelist's answer to these crucial queries.

SECULAR EVANGELISM by Fred Brown

Fred Brown is a major in the Salvation Army. He spent 5 years as warden of Regent Hall, the Army's famous international centre in London's West End. His book is an attempt to answer the question about how God can be made meaningful today, made of necessity in the light of hard experience.